

June 12, 2012
Phone Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Attending: Marty Connell, Chairman
Jim Davison
Erik Somerfeld
Tom Tanner
John Youngberg (Joined the meeting at 10:06)

Others Attending: Dave Desch, Executive Director
Jane Todd, Administrative Specialist

I. Call to Order

Chairman Marty Connell called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Approve Board Minutes of March 20, 2012, Meeting

Erik Somerfeld moved to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012, Board meeting. Jim Davison seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

III. Update on Program Activities

Dave Desch presented an overview of the following program activities:

- 1) MBRCT Project #11-37 An Integrated Platform for Cell-Based Drug Discovery - Anne Marie Quinn, Principal Investigator
A letter from the Legislative Audit Division was responded to by MBRCT on April 3rd, and there has been no further communication. The project has been closed out and a final payment has been made.
- 2) A new addition to the MBRCT website includes summaries of project final reports collected over the last 11 years. This will allow parties to evaluate possible commercialization potential and may lead to further interest in project results.
- 3) Another new addition to the MBRCT website is a compilation of quotes and testimonials favorable to the program. These have been assembled and put on the website and the effort will be updated on an ongoing basis. This is a readily available tool for providing information to legislators and other interested parties.
- 4) Staff has initiated an effort to follow up on previous projects and ask about commercialization successes. Grant recipients from the beginning of the program have been asked to provide an update on information provided in their Final Reports regarding commercialization. Staff has already received responses

that will be included on the *Commercialization Successes* section of the MBRCT website.

- 5) Dave Desch reported that he recently met with Mary Craigle, who heads the Census & Economic Information Center at the Department of Commerce, to discuss the development of a program benefits report for MBRCT. This report is expected to provide a useful tool to explain the positive impact the program has on Montana and will include commercialization successes, breakdown of follow-on funding numbers, and describe how projects fit into various industry sectors in the state.
- 6) Further discussion included:
 - a) An RFP will be released in December 2012 and the application deadline will be March 1, 2013. There will be about \$3.5 million available for new projects.
 - b) John Youngberg invited Dave Desch to attend a meeting with Tom McCoy, MSU Vice President for Research, and other MSU personnel to discuss university support for the MBRCT program.
 - c) Board appointments
 - i. Jim Peterson, Senate President, has appointed John Youngberg to fill the position ending June 30, 2012, and presently held by Marty Connell.
 - ii. Mike Milburn, House Minority Leader, has been asked to appoint Marty Connell to the seat currently held by John Youngberg.
 - iii. Rob Bargatze, LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals, has indicated his willingness to serve on the board. John Sesso, Speaker of the House, has been asked to consider the appointment of Dr. Bargatze to the board.
 - iv. Tom Tanner's appointment ends June 30, 2012, and is a Governor appointment. Mr. Tanner indicated he has not been contacted regarding his board seat.
 - d) Jim Davison volunteered to discuss MBRCT earmarks and use of MBRCT money for Ag Innovation Centers at the MEDA Legislative meeting the week of June 18th. John Youngberg will discuss the 30% clean coal/renewable energy earmark with individuals in the coal industry.

IV. Set time and date for next meeting

A date for the next meeting will be determined at a later time.

V. Public comment

There was no public comment.

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VI. Adjourn

John Youngberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Erik Somerfeld seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Connell
Chairman